United Nations A/64/459

General Assembly

Distr.: General
26 October 2009

Original: English

Sixty-fourth session
Agenda item 168

Observer status for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jean-Cédric **Janssens de Bisthoven** (Belgium)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly at the request of Kenya, on behalf also of Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, the Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 10th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 October 2009. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/64/SR.10 and 14).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note verbale dated 6 August 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, on behalf also of Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, the Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, addressed to the Secretary-General (A/64/193).

09-54124 (E) 041109

Please recycle

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/64/L.4

5. At the 10th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of Angola, Australia, Benin, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Ireland, Kenya, Madagascar, New Zealand, Rwanda, Serbia, the Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/64/L.4). Subsequently, Nigeria and Senegal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 14th meeting, on 23 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/64/L.4 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.